

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.) Case No.3:12-CR-152-HSM-HBG
)
CAROL J. PAZDER)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), I conducted a plea hearing in this case on April 4, 2014. At the hearing, defendant moved to withdraw her not guilty plea to Count 1 of the five-count Superseding Indictment and entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment, in exchange for the undertakings made by the government in the written plea agreement and the plea agreement amendment. On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find the defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; the plea is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises, apart from the promises in the plea agreement; the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

Therefore, I **RECOMMEND** defendant's motion to withdraw her not guilty plea to Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment be granted, her plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment be accepted, the Court adjudicate defendant guilty of the charge set forth in Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment, and a decision on whether to accept the plea agreement be deferred until sentencing. Defendant asked to remain on release after entry of her plea pending sentencing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3143(a). The Government did not oppose the motion. I find by clear and convincing

evidence that the defendant is not likely to flee or to pose a danger to the safety of another person or the community. See 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(1). Therefore, the defendant's request to remain on release pending sentencing is **GRANTED**. The defendant shall remain on release under the terms and conditions set forth in the undersigned's Order Setting Conditions of Release [Doc. 4]. Therefore, pursuant to the agreement of the parties, I further **RECOMMEND** Defendant remain on release until sentencing in this matter. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, acceptance of the plea agreement, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district judge.

s/ H. Bruce Guyton
United States Magistrate Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES

You have the right to *de novo* review of the foregoing findings by the district judge. Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than fourteen days after the plea hearing. Failure to file objections within fourteen days constitutes a waiver of any further right to challenge the plea of guilty in this matter. See 28 U.S.C. §636(b).